



MILLIKEN JR. GRADUATES: Michigan governor William G. Milliken looks on as his son William G. Milliken Jr. receives a congratulatory kiss from his mother following his graduation from Colorado College Wednesday at Colorado Springs. (AP Wirephoto)

Nader Sues To Shut Atom Plants

Covert Township Facility's Safety Questioned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Palisades nuclear power plant in Van Buren county's Covert township was one of 20 nuclear plants named in a lawsuit filed in federal court here today to shut them down.

The suit was filed by consumer advocate Ralph Nader and a national environmentalists' group known as the Friends of the Earth (FOE), which claims 20,000 members.

Nader and FOE filed the suit against the federal Atomic Energy commission, claiming that the plants in 12 states are unsafe and are threatening the lives of millions of Americans.

According to the suit, the AEC has permitted the plants to operate without requiring adequate emergency safety cooling systems for the radioactive nuclear fuel in the plants.

The suit seeks to have the court to order a stop to continued operation and require the AEC to develop adequate safeguard standards and enforce them.

The emergency cooling system is a backup system designed to cool nuclear core fuels if the primary cooling system fails.

The suit claims the backup systems are "crude and untested."

Some of the AEC's own scientists have made cautionary statements about the emergency systems, but the AEC contends they are adequate.

The suit contends that if the primary and back up systems failed, radioactive material equivalent to the fallout from several thousand Hiroshima-size nuclear weapons would be released into the air, threatening people. The cores containing the nuclear material would melt from the failures, the suit contends.

The Palisades plant is owned by Consumers Power company and began full operation in March about eight years after construction was begun. A lawsuit by environmentalists forced the plant to install \$30 million in cooling towers, boosting the total construction cost to \$170 million.

Consumers Power Co. said it had no immediate comment on the suit.

Also named in the suit were: San Onofre 1 at San Clemente, Calif.; Connecticut Yankee, Haddam Neck, Conn.; Oyster Creek 1, Toms River, N.J.; Nine Mile Point 1, Scrub, N.Y.; Ginna 1, Wayne County, N.Y.; Dresden 2 and 3, Morris, Ill.; B. Robinson 2, Hartsville, S.C.; Monticello, at Monticello, Minn.; Point Beach 1, Two Creeks, Wis.; Millstone Point 1, Waterford, Conn.; Surry 1 and 2, Gravel Neck, Va.; Turkey Point 3 and 4, Biscayne Bay, Fla.; Palisades, South Haven, Mich.; Quad Cities 1 and 2, Cordova, Ill.; Oconee 1, Seneca, S.C.; and Maine Yankee, Wiscasset, Maine.



SUMMIT HANDSHAKE: President Nixon and President Pompidou of France shake hands just before they held their first meeting today in Reykjavik, Iceland, after aides had smoothed way for talks. Evidence of underlying discord abounded Wednesday as leaders arrived. Lack of agenda and differences on priorities headed list of abrasive issues. (AP Wirephoto)

State Senate Pushes For Bingo Bargains

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Lawmakers appear to be doing their best to let as many people as possible play bingo when it becomes legal June 30.

The Senate approved 31-2 and sent back to the House Wednesday a bill that would allow bingo games for only a \$10 annual license if the prizes are worth less than \$1.

Senate amendments to the bill also would legalize bingo games for civic, charitable organizations whose assets would revert to the city if they disbanded.

That amendment was sponsored by Sen. William Faust, R-Westland, on behalf of the Wayne-Ford Civic Association of Westland which, Faust said, owns ballparks and a large building used by youths, the disadvantaged and senior citizens.

The bargain basement \$10 annual fee "would make bingo legal for three groups in my area who play for cans of beans or packages of macaroni," said Sen. Robert Davis, R-Gaylord. His amendment also stipulated that only 12 separate rounds could be played a year.

The next best bingo bargain in the bill is a special \$5-per-game license fee.

"My heart bleeds for the little cornpickers we have up there," Sen. Daniel Cooper, D-Oak Park, said in objecting to Davis' amendment. "Let's not clutter up the bill."

Yet another Senate amendment reduced the age qualification for "senior citizens" from 60 to 55. The proposed law would legalize bingo for senior citizens organizations which have at least 15 members.

The rush to legalize charitable bingo came in the wake of overturning a constitutional ban against lotteries last year. When the legislature created the lucrative state lottery, law-

makers decided to legalize bingo, too, since it is played illegally with impunity in hundreds of lodges and church basements.

Also added to the original list of nonprofit organizations eligible for bingo licenses are groups which are exempt from federal or state taxes.

Additional players were added in amendments to a bill which was introduced simply to set back the date for legalizing bingo.

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Owners Of Vacant Land Are Facing Much Higher Taxes

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Amid growing legislative concern over tax equality, the Senate has passed a bill aimed at spreading property taxes more evenly.

The bill, approved 34-0 Wednesday and sent to the House, could save homeowners a few dollars a year in property taxes and cost owners of vacant lots more money, said Sen. Harry DeMaso, the bill's sponsor.

"Vacant lots are a big joke. They don't pay their share. We may also find that commercial buildings are underassessed," said DeMaso, R-Battle Creek, chairman of the Senate Taxation Committee.

DeMaso's bill would be used in cases where the State Tax Commission determines that county property value actually exceeds the estimate given by a

county assessor. Current law lets the assessor apply a numerical factor to all property in the county to increase the assessment to the state-determined level.

Although law says all property must be assessed at 50 per cent of true cash value, "errors or sloppiness" frequently results in inequitable assessment, DeMaso said.

Where residential property may be assessed at 50 per cent of true value, vacant lots or commercial property sometimes is taxed as low as 10 per cent of true value, he said.

"His bill would require local assessors to classify property as 'agricultural, residential improved, residential vacant, commercial, industrial and timber cut-over' and apply different factors to each

category. Therefore, if residential property were found to be taxed correctly at 50 per cent of true market value, the factor applied would be "1" and taxes would not be increased.

However, if vacant property was taxed only at 10 per cent, a factor of "5" would be applied to bring it up to 50 per cent of market value.

"This will give us a check on which properties are over-assessed and underassessed," DeMaso said.

Meanwhile, State Rep. Jack Kelborn, R-Kalamazoo, blasted the State Tax Commission for what he termed "arrogant, arbitrary" actions in determining property tax equalization in Michigan's counties.

Kelborn criticized the commission for changing only one of its decisions after a meeting with county commissioners, local assessors and many other county officials Tuesday.

"The commissioners politely listened to the testimony, asked no questions, and then politely announced a recess and went into a closed meeting to make the decision—a decision to approve the recommendations that they made to themselves," Kelborn said.

"Save 10% on shoes at Edison's while Joe's away! thru June 5th."

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FAREWELL: Janet Dietrich, widow of Secret Service agent Joseph C. Dietrich, who was killed in a helicopter crash last weekend in the Bahamas, lays her head on his casket after a short burial service in a Greenwich, Conn. cemetery Wednesday. Dietrich was a native of Connecticut. (AP Wirephoto)

Winning Numbers

TAYLOR, Mich. (AP) — The winning number in today's weekly drawing in the Michigan State Lottery was 935-507.

GARDEN, Mich. (AP) — A Delta County Sheriff's deputy was found beaten and handcuffed to a piece of farm machinery behind a fire hall early today, at the same time his house was found ablaze in this small Upper Peninsula town.

County Prosecutor Tony I. Marcinkiewicz said three persons are believed dead in the blaze at the home of Deputy Dennis Murphy.

Authorities tentatively identified the victims as Murphy's wife, Janet, 20; and two children, 2-year-old Randy and 7-month-old Robbie.

An inscription was found on a wall inside the fire hall which read:

"I will kill you Murphy. First your wife and kids."

Immediate details of the incident were sketchy, but Marcinkiewicz said Murphy was discovered by a volunteer fireman who arrived at the fire hall in response to the house fire alarm.

Murphy was treated and released at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital in Manistique.

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ACCUSED POW TALKS: Former Army Spec. 4 Michael Branch, 26, Highland Heights, Ky., said Wednesday night "I can't believe that he filed a complaint against us." Branch and 7 other former war prisoners were named in a complaint filed Tuesday by Col. Theodore Guy, which accused them of misconduct while they were war prisoners in the Plantation prison camp outside of Hanoi. One of the accused, Michael Branch of Newport, Ky., said he plans to file a \$1 million damage suit. (AP Wirephoto)

Pipestone District Grows

Firm To Open New Plant Here

A steel firm is expected tomorrow to complete negotiations with the Twin Cities Area Development Corp. for lease of a building and five acres of land in Pipestone Industrial District, Benton township.

The firm is Sandvik Steel, Inc., headquartered in Fairlawn, N.J.

The building for which Sandvik is negotiating was constructed last year by Midwest Turnkey, Inc., in a joint venture with the Development Corp. The 43,273 square-foot plant was erected on a speculative basis for sale or lease.

A contract with Turnkey to complete the interior of the Pipestone park building is scheduled to be signed formally tomorrow during a luncheon at Berrien Hills Country Club.

Sandvik is a subsidiary of Sandviken Jernverk of Sandviken, Sweden. Sandvik manufactures flat coil springs and related products and imports Swedish steel.

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trict since the district was launched in the 1960's under sponsorship of the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce.

At Blossom Lanes — red pin dubs. Every Fri. at 8 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Adv.

Final week for Boutique Close Out Sale. VJ-George Boutique. Adv.

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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Test Of Discipline Among Viet POWs

Following every major conflict in U.S. history, the American military has brought many returning POWs to trial on charges of collaborating with the enemy and of conducting themselves in a manner detrimental to their services.

Few of those convictions ever resulted in penalties equated to committing a capital offense and all of the defendants were manumitted relatively soon after their new imprisonment.

Until a few days ago the Korean War represented the last major experience in this retribution.

Scores of returning POWs were punished for misconduct of one kind or another.

Their defense of yielding under physical torture and mental duress received a conflicting reception among the public.

The editorializing on the subject followed two patterns.

One line of thought, while not condoning the collaboration, blamed the armed services for not alerting their personnel to what might be expected from a Communist enemy who looked upon the Geneva Convention as another scrap of paper.

The other trend took the harsher view that America was breeding a race of softies who would cave in for any purpose and under any circumstance.

Silently the services after studying the wide extent of the defection reached the conclusion that no human can withstand torture and mental pressure indefinitely, and that a prisoner's accountability under those conditions has to be judged in light of the pressure itself and to what lengths the prisoner endangered his fellow POWs or military operations by giving in.

They implemented the finding by training courses on what to anticipate from an enemy who does not follow the rules of cricket.

Unpopular as it was 20 years ago, Korea raised none of the divisiveness among the American public which Viet Nam created.

For this reason when the Viet Nam POWs started to come home in February, the Defense Department and its three subsidiaries announced the Pentagon would not bring charges against any POW for statements made while in captivity.

It did not, however, blanket this forgive and forget attitude over the traditional right of a military person to request his organization to bring an associate to trial for an individual wrongdoing against him or against others in the group.

Two days ago Theodore Guy, an Air

Force colonel, who was the commander of U.S. POWs in a Hanoi compound nicknamed The Plantation for 4½ years, demanded the trial of five Army enlisted men and three Marine enlistees on charges of aiding the enemy and of obtaining privileges from their captors at the expense of fellow prisoners being subjected to inhumane treatment.

A month ago he told a reporter some of the men under his command were cowards who openly collaborated with the enemy.

In bringing into the open what has been suspected and hinted at, Col. Guy stated over a TV interview at Tucson, Arizona, that he went ahead with the procedure because of concern over future wars with the Communists and how they might use The Plantation's experience for propaganda purposes.

He declined to comment on the question of whether and to what degree the Pentagon may have tried to talk him out of going ahead with the complaint. Pentagon spokesmen are equally oblique on the inquiry.

The POWs whom the news media have managed to contact for a reaction vary from a no comment stand to a positive defense. One said he became a guest at The Plantation because he was sent out to engage in an illegal war, the implication being that whatever his behavior in the compound it came about from illegal orders of his superiors.

Guy's decision is bound to re-open old wounds just beginning to heal and to provide a field day for the ultra leftists to proclaim the U.S. has done nothing right or constructive since the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. Liberals most likely will denounce Guy as seeking personal vengeance. A good many moderates may echo the Pentagon's forgive and forget theme.

Guy, though, is returning to focus the broader question of what kind of a society does the U.S. want.

A disciplined one under which individual freedom best flourishes, or one in which everyone is free to do his own thing, which is to say no society at all?

Another point not to be overlooked is the harm caused by the defection of some POWs.

The enemy delivered up 566 men for the February homeward journey.

How many remained behind as casualties to enemy brutality is speculative. Even the Pentagon refuses to state any estimate on those who did not make it.

If nothing else, the survivors of those POWs are entitled to know what contribution, if any, the defectors may have made in that respect.

school regularly, was never held back a grade and was not considered a disciplinary problem.

Essentially, the suit rests on the contention that under California law the state is responsible for minimum educational standards and establishing a system which turns out students who meet those standards.

According to the plaintiff's attorney, Susanne Martinez of San Francisco's Youth Law Center, "This case is the first of what will undoubtedly be a series of this type... a forerunner of an effort on the part of parents and citizens to use the judicial system to focus on the fact that the schools have failed to provide the Peter Does of this country with the kind of education to which they are entitled."

Many educators are understandably dubious about the merits of the suit — and its implications. So are some lawyers.

"I think the case is one that does not belong in the courts," says Judge Haskell Freedman, former counsel to the Massachusetts Teachers Assn. The suit, he says, could open up hundreds of others which potentially could cost billions of dollars to the taxpayers.

Attorney Martinez admits that her client will have a "significant burden of proof" to show that his lack of learning was the fault of the school system, not of himself or his parents.

This is one of those cases that could either sink without a trace, or start a revolution.

High Tide



GLANCING BACKWARDS

STUDENT SECOND IN PHONE QUIZ

— 1 Year Ago —

Competing via a 1,000-mile telephone hookup, a team of four sixth grade students from the Stevensville elementary school, tied against students from Mountain View junior high school in Mendham, N.J., yesterday in the final round of a nationwide current events quiz contest.

The team, after a close opening, faded in the stretch to wind up in second place in the nationwide battle. The finish was probably the first time a Lakeshore school group has ever finished as high in a national contest, according to Jon

Schuster, Lakeshore high school principal. The Stevensville school is part of the Lakeshore district.

BIG PROBLEMS IN REMODELING

— 10 Years Ago —

St. Joseph board of education began wrestling with the problems of remodeling the junior high school are running into the twin squeeze of too much money and too little time.

Board members, meeting in the junior high school, will have to decide between approving minimum heating plant repairs as required by the state fire marshal and costing about

\$40,000 or putting a more efficient system costing about \$80,000.

18 GRADUATES ADDRESSED

— 29 Years Ago —

In the commencement address at St. Joseph's Catholic high school last night, the Rev. A. H. Miller, said that training of the whole man is the purpose of education, and he assured them that mental, physical, and moral training received in school fits men and women to take their places in the world and disciplines youth, helping to offset the juvenile delinquency so prevalent today.

After Father Miller's address, and the graduates' creed by the students, the Rev. Joseph V. Coyle presented the diplomas and awarded the religion medal to Lorraine Mueller and the scholarship medal to Margaret Elserman.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

EROSION SIGNALS JUDGMENT DAY

Editor,

What is happening to Michigan? "Michigan is toppling upward", Army engineers report there is evidence of a tilt in the earth's crust in the central Great Lakes area which is thrusting the Upper Peninsula skyward. The truth is the whole north end of the planet is tilting upward. At the same time, they say, the area around Chicago is sinking.

This explains Lake Michigan's rising water levels, a phenomenon that is causing millions of dollars in property damage along the lake shores.

Presumably, the higher the Upper Peninsula rises, the more water is poured down into the lakeland.

On the average, property owners are losing 20 to 30 feet of frontage with severe cases running back as far as 50 feet or more. In almost every resort development, one or more cottages have been moved back as far as 200 feet to escape further damages. This rise will continue. The foundations of others are being undermined.

Everybody wants to stop the lake from gobbling away the land, but nobody knows exactly where to start because of perplexity over the reason for erosion.

But the Great Lakes are not the only water areas in the United States that are upset by an unexplained disturbance. The famed Salton Sea in California is also reported to be on a rampage. It is doing millions of dollars worth of damage as the level of the water continues to rise daily.

The Atomic Energy Base which is located on the southeast shore of the sea, about 40 miles below India, has suffered the greatest damage. Desert beach and other shore resorts have suffered great damage. Engineers are wrestling with the problem presented by the sea, but nobody knows when or how the ravages of the formerly "controlled" sea can be stopped.

We are now living in a time of great terrestrial changes and severe storms, with an increase in volcano and earthquake activity that will take place in these next 10-15 years. Can it be

that we are now witnessing a preliminary phenomena as the forces of nature prepare for the coming day that will bring to pass the great upheavals which the prophets declared will accompany the events bringing the present age to its close? It certainly is. According to the Divine Timetable, this is the day which the prophets were speaking of; 1975 to 1986.

Samuel Stiles
Benton Harbor

COLOMA SEWER TAX BLASTED

Editor,

An article in your newspaper last week stated that Coloma township is going to assess each property owner \$1500 to pay for this new sewer project with 8 per cent interest if not paid in cash, and to pay \$10 per month use tax, amounting to \$120 per year.

I was under the impression that this sewer project was state-federal funded.

Our property taxes have gone up more than 120 per cent since 1968, and now they are asking us to vote (which they did not for the sewer) to borrow \$2,500,000 for a school gymnasium, etc.

It looks as if they are trying to run all of us right out of town.

Do you have an answer for us?

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Coloma

What Will Topless Law Cover?

DETROIT (AP) — Topless go-go dancers have until June 7 to continue gyrating with impunity, after that they'll dance with uncertainty.

Although the Detroit Common Council approved a new city ordinance Tuesday which outlaws indecent dancing, the ordinance doesn't define obscene.

That, the council decided, is up to the courts to decide after the ordinance takes effect June 7.

Police officials said they will enforce the new ordinance, once they decide what it covers — and leaves uncovered.

Bruce Bissat

Confidence Crisis

Swells In Capital



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Whatever some national poll may freshly discover in a sweep of the country, the growing mood of influential people in this city is that Watergate is thrusting the nation toward a deep crisis.

There may never be universal acceptance of the stock market as an accurate barometer of the condition of the economy or the national mood generally. But right now its plunge downward is frightening men in both government and business.

One businessman told me that just before President Nixon's latest Watergate statement a scanning of the stock market list showed that some 860 stocks — most representing major companies — hit new low readings for 1973.

He found this stunning when set beside the high economic indicators — a record year so far for automobile production, high steel output, high employment and an unemployment rate encouragingly stable at moderate levels (if not dropping dramatically).

The conditions unmistakably add up to boom. The one acknowledged great peril is a seemingly ungovernable inflation. Even without Watergate, it is searing and annoying from the leadership level on down.

But here in the capital, the reading is that the uncertainties posed by Watergate are causing a crisis of confidence of colossal proportions. The plummeting stock market is seen as reflecting fears of governmental chaos

more than the dangers of unbridled inflation. In some minds, the two things are closely related. The question is put:

"How can a crippled President deal effectively with inflation?"

For many days now, the rumblings of trouble have been growing louder. Washington often is judged to be too self-focused, insulated from the country. But it seems meaningless to argue, if it can be argued, that people across the nation today are less disturbed over Watergate than are concerned leaders and observers here.

In this super-sensitive community, awareness is enlarging that the federal establishment is limping along badly, with a minimum of vital guidance both from the White House and within the various agencies.

Since the President's top aides resigned April 30, the White House itself has had a skeleton look. Important chairs remain empty. Telephones that should hum with needed counsel for the agencies are silent.

At least 50 major agency executive posts stand vacant. Hundreds of second and third echelon jobs are unfilled. Recruitment either falters or is painfully unproductive.

In place after place, decisions are being made by "acting directors" or lesser officials on an impromptu, day-to-day basis that is gauged by some veteran observers as the worst muddling-through periods in modern U.S. history.

Jeffrey Horn

Watergate: So

What's New?



Any columnist writing about Watergate — if, that is, he knows much about the inner workings of Washington — faces a peculiar and indeed tricky problem. He faces it whatever his private political opinions or his view of Richard Nixon.

I call it the gap between actuality and what is normally avowed in print.

Confronted with a scandal like Watergate, the reader, I find, expects the columnist to be appalled, surprised and morally outraged. Unless he is outraged, the reader is outraged that he isn't. But there exists an enormous gap between what the press ordinarily tells the public about Washington life and what the press — Reston, Wicker, Alsop, et al — actually know and even freely discuss in private.

Now, certainly, I wish to leave no doubt on one point. In the Watergate scandal, those who broke the law should be punished. But surprise? Hardly, though it may be indiscreet to deny that one is flabbergasted.

Or, if there is any surprise to be registered, it is that the

White House blundered so egregiously in not killing the whole thing before it reached its present point of disclosure. The techniques for doing so are known to every professional in Washington.

For the reader who wishes some insight into Washington realities, I strongly recommend Robert N. Winterberger's "The Washington Pay-Off," which is now available in paperback.

Read, for example, pages 65 and following, describing first-hand LBJ in John McCormack's office, trying to extricate himself from the unfolding Bobby Baker scandal.

"John, that XXX is going to ruin me. If that XXX talks, I'm gonna land in jail . . . Why wasn't it killed, John? . . . It's me they're after. It's me they want . . . He's got to take this rap himself. He's the one that made the g—d—stupid mistake. Get to him. Find out how much more he wants, for chrissake. I've got to be kept out of this."

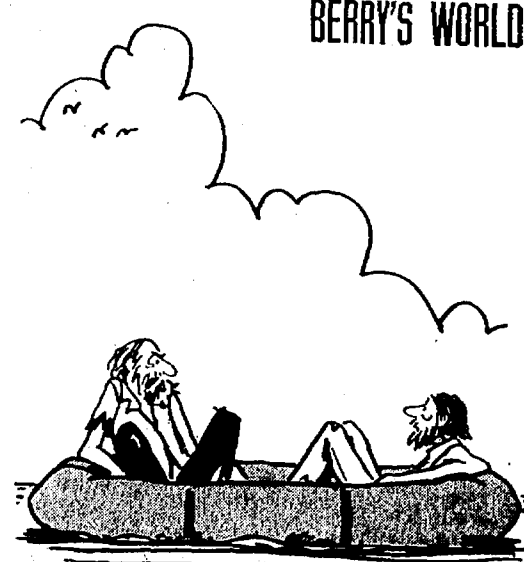
"You will, Lyndon," said McCormack. "You will."

In the last weeks we have heard a lot of shocked comment on the "politicization of the FBI." But listen to Winterberger on Johnson's technique as Majority Leader, a post in which he is generally conceded to have possessed historical greatness:

"He had an uncanny ability to garner votes at crucial times . . . This ability was not based so much on his persuasiveness as it was on his voluminous personal files, which kept track of the intimate, private indiscretions of his colleagues in the Senate . . . During this period, Johnson enjoyed a close personal relationship with FBI head J. Edgar Hoover. It was Hoover who kept Johnson's 'intelligence' files up to date by constantly supplying Johnson with new and titillating information on the foibles of famous Americans." To be sure, this is hardly correct behavior, but it is surely known to insiders.

ISRAELI FORDS

NAZARETH, Israel (AP) — "They look marvelous," said Henry Ford II as he watched trucks bearing his name roll off an assembly line near here.



"CAN'T YOU TALK ABOUT ANYTHING BUT WATERGATE?"

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Scholarships Total \$30,000 For Catholics

Honors Assembly Held For Graduates

BY DICK DERRICK
SJ City Editor

Scholarships totaling nearly \$30,000 were among awards and honors presented to Lake Michigan Catholic High school scholars Wednesday evening in St. Joseph Catholic church.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Byrne, vicar general of the Diocese of Kalamazoo and former pastor of St. John's church, Benton Harbor addressed the graduates.

Rev. Cletus Rose, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic church, gave the scripture reading.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Scholarships won by graduating seniors as announced by Principal Donald Stock are as follows: Massachusetts Institute of Technology—Dan Sundberg; University of Michigan Regents Alumni—Dan Sundberg and Tom Curtin; Central Michigan University—Vicki Bazan; St. Joseph (Ind.) college—Vicki Bazan; Interlochen academy—Debbie Korrell, Kathy Phillips and Mary Ann Czuba.

Berrien County Foundation scholarship to Lake Michigan college—Terry Patterson; Twin City Beauty college—Cindy Schmitt; Western Michigan university—Kathy Phillips; National Defense—Ann Sarno; University of Rochester Engineering—Dan Sundberg; University of Michigan school of Music tuition scholarship—Joe Martorano; Michigan Business School association—Pala Herog; Lake Michigan Board of Trustees—Linda Sieber.

State of Michigan higher education—Bev Bayman, Vicki Bazan, Jeff Chambers, Tom Curtin, Mollie Donahue, Rick Fish, Cathy Foulkes, Tim Gleason, Gina Iannelli, Debbie Korrell, Jon Landeck, Joe Lippert, Anthony Marsala, Charles Martin, Joe Martorano, Kathy Phillips, Ann Sarno, Linda Sieber, David Slavicek, Dan Sundberg, Rick Taylor, Lorna Teske.

National Honor society members are Vicki Bazan, Becky Bordon, Jeff Chambers, Tom Curtin, Rick Fish, Cathy Foulkes, Pala Herog, Debbie Korrell, Jon Landeck, Joe Martorano, Bill Regan, Linda Sieber and Dan Sundberg.

Highest academic honors went to Dan Sundberg, who maintained 4.0 grade average for 4 years, Tom Curtin, Cathy Foulkes, Vicki Bazan, Debbie Korrell and Matiaz Lukac.

Academic honors went to Becky Bordon, Mary Borre, Jeff Chambers, Mary Ann Czuba, Rick Fish, Pala Herog, Jon Landeck, Anthony Marsala, Joe Martorano, Bill Regan, Linda Sieber.

National Merit finalist was Kathy Phillips and National Merit commendations went to Karla Ashbrook and Rick Fish.

WINS HOMEMAKER AWARD

The Betty Crocker Homemaker award went to Pete Heyn. The DAR history award went to Mary DaDan.

Service awards went to Karla Ashbrook, Pam Bartalone, Vicki Bazan, Mary Bolline, Becky Bordon, Jeff Chambers, Para Craft, Bonnie Darato, Mollie Donahue, Ken Doroh, Ramona Ellis, Cathy Foulkes, Patti Harrell, Bill Long, Tom Mashak, Treva McCuan, Bill Regan, Linda Sieber, Dave Smith, Mike Smith, Sue Sreboth, Barb Story, Bill Story, Jim Williams.

Cheerleader awards went to Capt. Judi Demkovich, Bev Bayman, Kay Borrelli, Janie Bender, Mary DaDan and Mollie Mackin.

Special awards presented included the Bausch & Lomb Science to Dan Sundberg, leadership to Mary DaDan, citizenship to Neil Vernasco, principal's to John Bowie and outstanding girl athlete to Barbara Story.

Class awards presented were as follows: art—Cindy Schmitt; religion—Bill Long, Claudine Sewcyck; typing—Julie Schultz; office practice—Bonnie Darato; home economics—Debbie

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LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC'S TOP TEN: Top ten scholars at Lake Michigan Catholic are, first row, from left: Linda Sieber, Vicki Bazan, Catherine Foulkes and Debra Korrell. Second row: Jeff Chambers, Anthony Marsala, Thomas Curtin, John Landeck, Dan Sundberg, Rick Fish. (Staff Photo)

Citizens Question 6 Hopefuls

Candidates Support SJ Millage

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON
Staff Writer

All six candidates vying for three seats on the St. Joseph school board last night said they were in favor of the two millage proposals that will be presented to voters at the June 11 election.

At the election, voters will ballot on renewal of a 4.3 mill operating levy and a 0.35 mill

tax to install kitchens for hot lunch programs in the three city elementary schools.

About 175 persons were in attendance at the St. Joseph high school auditorium to fire questions and listen to the views of the candidates. The "Meet Your Candidates" program was sponsored by the St. Joseph Education association.

Four candidates are seeking the two four-year terms being vacated by Dr. Dean K. Ray and Douglas Burr, and two are seeking the lone three-year seat remaining on the term of Arthur Franzen, who resigned.

Candidates for the four-year terms include: Mrs. Beverly (Frank) Linn, Dr. Joseph B. Naines Jr., Robert T. Alti, and John W. Pielemeier. Seeking the three-year term are Mrs. Fredda (Jack) Sparks and Mrs. Linda S. Child.

All the candidates said they felt the St. Joseph school system was one of the best in Michigan, and all stated they wanted to give students the best education possible.

Mrs. Linn said she wanted more parental participation in the classroom, and added that she will attend classes and "evaluate issues with an open mind."

Naines said he felt some of the important issues are the shifting school boundaries, how to improve the "productivity" of the school system, the lack of a long-range plan for the system, and funding issues.

Alti stated he wanted to improve communication between parents, teachers, students and taxpayers. He also congratulated the administration and teachers on the "mini-courses."

Pielemeier said the four issues he was most concerned with included teacher evaluation, the need for a program to prepare students for the rest of their lives, career guidance while in school, and the erasure of the school system's debt.

Mrs. Sparks said she would "work very hard to continue to improve the standard of excellence" in the St. Joseph school system, and noted that all the candidate wanted the same things—good schools and lower taxes.

Mrs. Child said she has "never been uninvolved in a community," and has "ample time to devote to the school board."

In response to a question from the audience regarding merit pay for teachers (based on worth in classroom as opposed to longevity), Naines said the merit system rewards a teacher

for effort in proportion to effort.

Mrs. Linn said she couldn't see how it would better the system; Mrs. Sparks stated she was in favor of keeping St. Joseph on a competitive pay scale; and Mrs. Child said the idea is good but couldn't see how it would work now.

Alti said the biggest problem to solve is personality clashes and the like; and Pielemeier said the present system makes some attempt at merit pay, and the system would depend on the people running the administration to make it work.

Regarding the possibility of a 12-month school year, the prospective board members said they felt the system probably didn't need it at present, but would like to hear feedback from citizens.

Most were in favor of teachers

being allowed to collectively bargain, with Pielemeier and Mrs. Linn noting that teachers had previously been underpaid, but the situation seems to have been slightly rectified.

Regarding busing of students, Mrs. Child said she "hopes it's not necessary next year"; Pielemeier said that it has equalized the number of students in classrooms, and the only alternative was to build a school in St. Joseph township; and Alti said it was not fair to the students but it was not fair to the taxpayers to ask for a new school.

Mrs. Linn said she was not in favor, but saw no other solution; Naines said he was for a minimum of busing; and Mrs. Sparks said she did not like the idea of busing but it had worked well this year.

Otis Joseph Out As Active BH Board Candidate

Otis Joseph has announced that he is withdrawing as an active candidate for the Benton Harbor board of education in the June 11 election.

Joseph said: "I would like to withdraw as an active candidate and give my support to two other candidates." He added that he was not prepared to make any endorsements at this time.

However, Joseph's name will still be on the ballot along with eight other candidates. The deadline for withdrawal of names has passed.

Two seats for four-year terms are at stake in the election.

Joseph, 36, is a former Benton Harbor city commissioner now living on Edwards road Sodus. His residence is included in that portion of Sodus township which the Berrien Intermediate school board voted to transfer from Benton Harbor district to Eau Claire.

The transfer has been held up,



OTIS JOSEPH
Not Active Candidate

pending ruling on an appeal to the State Board of Education. Joseph said he opposes the transfer.



SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES: Six candidates for three seats on St. Joseph school board presented views and answered questions last night during "Meet Your Candidates" session at high school.

Candidates are (from left): Dr. Joseph B. Naines, Jr., Robert T. Alti, Mrs. Linda S. Child, Mrs. Beverly Linn, John Pielemeier, and Mrs. Fredda Sparks. (Staff photo)

Wasn't Removed, Says Rev. Gulley

The Rev. Chester Gulley said he wasn't "removed" from the Citizens Steering Council (CSC) of the Benton Harbor-Benton township Model Cities program. He did the moving.

He explained: "I moved out of the district which made me ineligible to serve as a representative of that district. My seat became vacant automatically."

Rev. Gulley said a story in this newspaper Saturday saying he had been "removed" from the CSC implied he had been forced out.

Rev. Gulley said he moved out of District 9 where he had been elected to a home on Empire avenue out of the district. He explained it's like other elective positions that when a representative moves out, he gives up his seat.

He said: "I have no ill-will toward the CSC and still intend to serve in whatever way possible."

Twin Cities' 'Operation Foresight'

Corps To Seek Flood Project Bids

The Grand Haven office of the Army Corps of Engineers will soon release plans to bidders for shoring up areas susceptible to flooding along the St. Joseph river in the Twin Cities.

Ross Kittleman, area project chief for Operation Foresight, said bids will be sought about June 11, and completion date for the shore defenses is scheduled for the end of July.

Benton Harbor areas affected include the Hinkley street area, the western portion of Graham avenue, Klock road west

of North Shore drive, and the ship canal. In St. Joseph the areas are portions of Radio Island, the St. Joseph division of Whirlpool parking lot, and possibly some yard areas at Auto Specialties.

The defenses will consist of a combination of low dikes (levees), and earth and sand bags, Kittleman said.

Kittleman said he had "no idea" of how much the projects could cost. Operation Foresight is a federal program put into effect in December by the Corps of Engineers for areas bor-

dering the Great Lakes.

Representatives from the Benton Harbor and St. Joseph departments of public works have been working since March to pinpoint the trouble areas.

Kittleman said the problem is that Lake Michigan is high, and the St. Joseph river reflects the lake levels. When waters from the river cannot flow into the lake, the excess causes local flooding.

'No Witch Hunt', BH Mayor Says

Benton Harbor Mayor Charles Joseph said a city commission inquiry into a street disturbance last Thursday isn't a witch hunt, but it is an attempt to find out what happened and remedy the situation.

The mayor and a panel of commissioners yesterday heard from Henry Brown, 22, of 141 Church street, who alleged he had been beaten by police during the incident.

Three policemen told the panel that Brown was charged as a disorderly person in the disturbance and force was used (a nightstick and flashlight) when Brown struggled and resisted arrest.

Policemen appearing before the commissioners were Patrolmen Phil Harris, Tom Schadler and Charles Harrison.

The Brown case was presented to the city commission Tuesday by Commissioner Carl Brown, no relation to Henry Brown.

Henry Brown is free on \$3,500 bond awaiting examination on a charge of resisting arrest. The mayor said the commission panel is willing to keep listening to anyone who wants to speak on the matter of the disturbance.

Berrien Springs School Election

\$2.4 Million Bond Issue On June 11 Ballot

BERRIEN SPRINGS — A \$2.4 million construction bond issue, a request to renew 3.2 mills property tax levy and an unopposed school board candidate will be on the Berrien Springs school election ballot June 11.

If approved, the bonds would finance construction of a new high school. The new school would replace the present junior high, a 40-year old structure operating at its capacity of 300

students, according to Lee Auble, Berrien Springs superintendent.

The proposed new building, an 80,000 square foot structure, would accommodate 600 students in grades 6-8. It would be located west of the senior high building on land already owned by the district.

Repayment of the bond issue would add slightly less than 4 mills to the schools' property tax levy if the issue is approved,

according to Auble. He said the rate would decrease as valuation in the district increases.

The 3.2 mill operating levy will be asked to replace one expired this year. Renewal will be asked for three years.

If approved, the millage will raise about \$120,000 in revenue yearly towards the schools' budget, which this year totaled \$1,621,546.

If both the bond issue and the millage renewal are approved,

the 1973 property tax rate should be slightly less than 26.9, according to Auble.

Seeking re-election to the board unopposed will be Trustee James Betchek.

Betchek, 44, of 1020 Rose Hill road, Berrien Springs, has served on the board for four years. He is the owner of Jameson Chemical company, Berrien Springs.

Lawrence Will Vote On 4 Candidates, 3-Mill School Tax

LAWRENCE — Two school board members are to be chosen from among four candidates and the fate of a three-mill property tax renewal issue is to be decided by Lawrence school

district voters in the annual school election June 11.

Seeking seats on the board are incumbent Lester Zoodsma, 47, current board president; Charles "Sarge" Salvano, 52;

James Sanborn, 31; and Mrs. Gayle Crandall, 33.

Not seeking re-election to the board is Horace Hutchins. Hutchins, currently board treasurer, has served on the board for 18 years.

The three-mill levy is being sought for three years, to replace a similar levy which expired this year.

If approved, the levy will raise \$29,343 in its first year, towards a 1973-74 budget of \$727,095, according to Wesley Harding, superintendent.

The district's total millage rate next year, if the three mills are approved, will be 28.08 mills, Harding said.

Zoodsma, 3303 Corwin road, has been on the board for four years. A graduate of Lowell high school and Michigan State university, he is a sales representative for Chevron Chemicals. He and his wife, Barbara, have four children.

Salvano, of North 52nd street, is a graduate of Ridley Township high school, Folsom, Pa., and has attended courses at Pennsylvania State university and the Baronian Institute, Philadelphia. He is operator of two service stations, one at the I-94 interchange at Lawrence and one in Hartford. He and his wife, Philomena, have three sons.

Sanborn, 524 West James street, is a graduate of Lawrence high school. He is employed at Bohn Aluminum and Brass, South Haven, and is vice-president of Local 1210, United Auto Workers. He and his wife, June, have four children.

Mrs. Crandall, of 3610 South 52nd street, is a graduate of Lawrence high school. She is a distributor for Amway products. She and her husband, James, have four children.

The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the board.

Voting will take place in the high school library. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



GRAPE QUEEN CANDIDATES: Fifteen women will compete for title of Michigan Grape queen in first annual pageant to be held in Paw Paw at 8 p.m. June 2 in high school gym in conjunction with annual Paw Paw Grape and Wine festival, Sept. 20-23. Candidates are, front row, from left, Renea Sweezy, Paw Paw; Deborah Bastian, Lawton; Crystal Fisher, Decatur; Pamela Mihelich and

Kathy Hall, also of Paw Paw. Back row from left, Betty Jones of Paw Paw; Carol Mejeur, Mattawan; Desiree Krueger, Lawton; Paula Munday, Lawrence; Alice Knapp, Paw Paw; and Patty Kriefflow, Lawton. Absent when photo was taken were Sue Franks and Janet Crawford, Lawton, and Tonda Bian and Nicki Knoblock, Mattawan. (Staff photo)

Gobles Teacher Plans Appeal

GOBLES — A Gobles high school teacher who has been told by the school board that his contract will not be renewed for next year said yesterday that he will appeal the board's decision

to the state tenure commission. Clare Sutherby, 44, also said that he will seek election to the Gobles school board as a write-in candidate at the annual election June 11.

Sutherby, who has been a teacher in Gobles for the past eight years, teaching physics, chemistry and electronics this year, was informed in April that he would not be offered a contract for 1973-74.

After public hearing requested by Sutherby under terms of Michigan's teacher tenure law, the school board Tuesday night affirmed its decision not to re-employ Sutherby.

The tenure law provides that decisions of local school boards in cases involving teachers on tenure can be appealed to the state commission for review within 30 days.

Geoff Masters, Berrien Springs, executive director of the Michigan Education Association for this region, said the commission will examine information in the case and does have the right, if determined necessary, to call for a new hearing. The MEA has represented Sutherby in his appeal of board action.

Masters said that depending

on how many cases are pending before the commission that a decision might be expected later this summer or by early fall.

The commission, he said,

could order a teacher re-instated to his position or uphold a local board. Any decision by the commission, he added, also is appealable to circuit court.

Birch Society Mounting Drive To Repeal OSHA

The John Birch society is mounting a national campaign to seek the repeal of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 1970, according to Karl Friske of St. Joseph, local Birch leader.

"OSHA's purpose is not safety and health for America's workingmen. We believe this mushrooming bureaucracy has been set up to destroy the free enterprise system which is so fundamental to our nation," he said.

OSHA is the newest target of the Birch organization. Friske said a network of Nix-on-OSHA committees are being formed all across the country to fight the act. Part of the activity of these committees is encouraging the public to write their congressmen and senators to demand repeal of the act.

"Under the guise of promoting safety and health, OSHA has produced costly, ridiculous and impossible standards which give the federal government the power to control or destroy every business from coast to coast," Friske said.

He added that already visits from OSHA inspectors have resulted in an enormous number of fines, citations and costly demands upon American businesses.

He'll Fly Across State In Boat

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Bob Sparks, a resort entertainer and sometime balloonist, plans to fly over Southern Lower Michigan in a boat attached to a hot air balloon early next month.

And if all goes well, he intends to try the same trick over the Atlantic Ocean.

The combination sea-air craft is worth nearly \$50,000, according to Sparks.

He said he expects to fly the strange object over the state in about 15 hours and land it in Lake Huron "to test the balloon's seaworthiness."

Sparks said he has about 800 hours of balloon flight time, but not much sailing experience. His 380-pound gondola includes a mast and rudder.

The trans-Atlantic trip is expected to begin July 4 from Bar Harbor, Maine and take three to seven days depending upon the weather.

Sparks said he is hoping to reach Northern France.

"But I'll be tickled pink if I hit Scotland—or England—or Spain," he said.



ALAN E. PEARSON
Bound for Texas

pany May 1 after 19 years with the Lawrence Telephone company.



JAMES SANBORN
Lawrence candidate



MRS. GAYLE CRANDALL
School board candidate



CHARLES 'SARGE' SALVANO
Seeks board seat



LESTER ZOODSMA
Incumbent

Allegan Smashup Claims Man's Life

HOLLAND — A Wyoming, Mich., man injured Monday in a car-train collision in northwestern Allegan county died early this morning at Holland hospital, a hospital spokesman reported.

James DeGraaf, 42, died at 3:10 a.m. of injuries received in the accident, according to the spokesman.

The death brings to 11 the

side of a moving Chesapeake and Ohio train locomotive at the 141st street crossing south of Holland, according to Allegan sheriff's deputies.

Mrs. DeGraaf remains hospitalized in serious condition.

Bloom'dale Man Takes New Post

BLOOMINGDALE — Alan E. Pearson, manager of the Bloomingdale Telephone company for the past 13 years, has resigned to accept a position with a telephone company in Texas and James Crandall has been named Bloomingdale manager.

Pearson, who plans to move to DeBerry, Tex., with his wife and daughter, will leave the company when business closes Friday, June 1.

Crandall joined the Bloomingdale Telephone company May 1 after 19 years with the Lawrence Telephone company.

SCHOLARS APPOINTED

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A five-member committee of scholars has been appointed by the State Board of Education to evaluate a request by Lake Superior State College for final approval of its teacher education program.

11 Auto Deaths
In Allegan
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number of traffic fatalities reported this year in Allegan county.

DeGraaf was injured when a car driven by his wife struck the

Garden City Fan Scene Of Strike

NILES — Members of Local 8086, United Steel Workers, were on the picket line again today at Garden City Fan company, 1701 Terminal road, after walking off the job yesterday.

A company spokesman said the strike involves about one-half of the company's 130 employees. He said partial production was being maintained.

He declined to comment on factors related to the strike, which reportedly involves an effort by the union to force recognition of it as a bargaining agent.

Garden City Fan is a subsidiary of Wheelabrator Frye Inc.

The strike is the second one currently underway in Niles. Members of Local 103, Hotel and Restaurant Employees, Bar-tenders International Union, AFL-CIO, have been on strike at Holiday Inn since March 9.

MUSICIAN DIES

SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS, Ill. (AP) — Jazz clarinetist Voltaire "Volly" DeFaut, 69, died Tuesday.

BRIDGMAN Niles Couple Buys Boyd Funeral Home

BRIDGMAN — Purchase of the Boyd funeral home, 4331 Lake street, by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vigansky, Niles, from Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boyd, Bridgman, was announced today.

Name of the funeral home will remain unchanged. Mrs. Vigansky is the daughter of the Boyds.

Vigansky, 35, is a native of Bridgman and a graduate of Bridgman high school. He attended Lake Michigan college and graduated from the Indiana School of Mortuary Science, Indianapolis, in 1962.

After two years as resident manager of a White Cloud, Mich., funeral home, he moved to Niles where he has been associated with the Pifer funeral home for the past eight years.

The Viganskys have three children, Gerald, 13, Beth Ann, 11, and Ruth Renee, 5. They will reside at 4321 Lake street.

Boyd, who will continue with the new firm as a director, has owned the funeral home since 1953. William Boyd also will remain with the new firm.

Vigansky said policies established over the past 23 years will continue.

GOP Plans Annual Barbecue July 14

BANGOR — The 12th annual Van Buren county Republican barbecue will be held Saturday, July 14 at Triple S Produce company, M-43, west of Bangor. Mrs. William Lacky, barbecue chairman, has announced.

She said tickets will be available after June 10 from all Republican officials in the county.